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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6551**

**BILL NUMBER:** SB 157

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 5, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Energy Policy Commission.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Sen. Gard

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**FUNDS AFFECTED:** X **GENERAL**  
**DEDICATED**  
**FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** State

**Summary of Legislation:** The bill establishes the Energy Policy Commission. It requires the Utility Regulatory Commission to provide funding and staff for the commission. The bill also requires the commission to study certain energy issues and recommend a state energy policy before December 1, 2006.

**Effective Date:** Upon passage.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:** This bill creates a 25-member Energy Policy Commission. Four members of the Commission will be legislators, two members will be state employees, one member will be from the Indiana Recycling and Energy Development Board, and the remaining members will be lay members to be appointed by the Governor. The chair of the Commission will be appointed by the Governor. The Commission's purpose will be to recommend a state energy policy.

The expenses of the Commission will be paid from the budget of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission, which will also provide administrative support for the Energy Policy Commission.

Members of the Commission who are state employees or lay persons are entitled to reimbursement of travel expenses. Members of the Commission who are legislators are entitled to the same per diem, mileage, and travel allowances paid to legislative members of interim study committees as established by the Legislative Council. There will be four legislative members of the Commission who would be entitled to a per diem and mileage reimbursement. As of November 2004, legislative per diem was \$134, and the mileage reimbursement rate was \$0.375 per mile. Total costs will depend on the number of meetings held.

The Commission is to submit a final report to specified entities by December 1, 2006.

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:**

**Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

**Information Sources:**

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